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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr.**  
**Secretary of Defense**

**SUBJECT: TALENT-KEYHOLE Billets**

1. My recommendation on this subject is based upon balancing consideration of the overriding need for the product to meet priority intelligence requirements and the security risk involved. On the latter point, I note that four years' operation of the TALENT Security System was completed without a security compromise. Compartmentation of personnel into categories, as outlined on the attached list, can contribute to protecting this sensitive source. The categories are selected as the result of a demonstrated "must know" with the most severe limitation on operational information.
2. My previously presented list represents the numbers which I feel would be needed to exploit most efficiently this expensive intelligence collection system. However, with due consideration of your desire for stringent restriction of access and after careful examination of alternatives, I recommend the attached TALENT-KEYHOLE clearance list for the Department of the Army.
3. The list which I recommend has been reduced more than 25 per cent from the previously requested augmentation. The reduction is at the expense of Army billet support for CINCEUR, as was the practice under the TALENT Security System, and at the loss of an expansion capability to cover other geographical areas such as China, the Middle East, or Africa. The plan does provide interim support for the Priority National Intelligence Objectives which are the particular responsibility of the Army. It also provides for maintaining the Army photo interpreters in the CIA Photographic Intelligence Center. This takes advantage of the Army investment in trained manpower and equipment (130 men and \$1,500,000) now in that Center.

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Secretary of the Army